

Town of Northfield
Recreation committee
Meeting Minutes March 9, 2015
Municipal Building 6:00pm

Attendees: Sally Davidson, Scott Amell, Michele Langley, Bruce Wright, Heidi Passalacqua (members); Elizabeth Craffey Norwich student Absent: Jason Miles/Dynamos Soccer representative, Ken Goslant (selectman-liaison)

- I. Call to order: 612pm
- II. Review and approval of minutes-Michele reviewed minutes of February minutes which were not typed from February. Subjects discussed: Chili cook-off, Scott passed out all coloring pages, all set for Winter Carnival; majority of meeting was with Jeff Schultz, town manager to discuss Recreation committee budget and where committee monies are. We will ask him back to another meeting for further review meeting; talked about ball field maintenance, outsourcing, a meeting between AD and town manager. Moved to table until minutes are typed.
- III. Old business: reports from last meeting- Elizabeth Craffey here to present Norwich student's final project of Northfield park "revitalization and connection "from October 2014. The presentation she gave to us is now bound and in color with dimensions for fields, structures, comes with more detail. She had a poster she completed with the Ariel view of the boundary outlined in red from Memorial Park to the Falls-complete with egress in event of emergency (for instance). She provided two copies to group with a thumb drive as well. See pdf copies for print version on web. Group filled Elizabeth on what committee has been doing since spring (taken the students whole project and decided priorities based on what could be accomplished based on timing and money, had collaboration with Shaw Mountain trail group, and conservation committee and Eagle Scout to take on a portion of project, and purchase of tennis court netting to put up only one court instead of two courts). Group thanked Elizabeth for the tremendous effort that she completed on behalf of town and committee. The Ariel view of the trail is key in showing other groups how we need to proceed. Committee approved to have her copying fees paid for: \$357. Michele will provide receipt to Laurie for payment and Elizabeth provided her address. Scott took two booklets (the thick bound one and the long bound one, as well as the poster to present to the rotary later this month. Bruce took the other two.

The Winter Carnival: the chili cook-off was held at the Legion. There were not as many entries as the previous year. Kevin Reed won the event. The legion thought it went over well and would like to do it again. They had a steady group in and out. The coloring contest had only 2 pictures done at O'Maddi's. Discussion regarding this and lack of interest? It was intended to be run by the businesses with committee providing the pictures. The library didn't have as many folks as last year -only 4 people which were the workers children compared to last years. There were several people sledding at Memorial Park despite the cold temperature and a snowmobile made a packed trail that a cross country skier used to go around. Next year the conservation committee WILL look to run cross country skiing and snow shoeing in the Falls. Group discussed for next year we should look towards March doing during Norwich's spring break possibly for next year where we can utilize pool, and gym, as well as ice for skating.

On subject of field maintenance Ken Goslant and Jeff need to meet with TJ Powers and Bill Kirby from school to discuss maintaining of field. Justin Wrigley indicated he would do the benches! We have already approved this expense previously so just need to get the wood ordered and there and let Justin know.

Rotary meeting: Scott attended meeting and reported to them on the revitalization project (previous to Elizabeth's final report). Rotary club has their own built in fundraiser called "happy thoughts" which Scott thought was pretty neat way of raising money. They currently are looking to possibly support a fundraiser such as Memorial Park. He also indicated there is a lot of interest among the rotary club for a dog park. Group discussed this with Elizabeth who had said there was some restrictions to this (fencing, maintaining-who would be responsible for picking up dog waste). This discussion was tabled in interest of moving meeting along.

- IV. New business: do we want to plan summer projects? Bruce will talk to Jack Baroffio about holding classes on BB guns, small bore classes; Scott and Bruce will come up with some dates for softball/baseball for summer. Geoff Farnam had talked about having a volleyball tournament fundraiser in summer although he also did mention having one in winter (lining the courts outside with the colored line and fundraising similar to the freezing fund does in Barre. For next meeting we will discuss this. Heidi will invite Geoff to next meeting to discuss. Also discussed having a street dance fundraising opportunity in beginning of August with Mirage as band for Barry Chouinard to honor him.
- V. Public participation: none
- VI. Next meeting April13 , 2015
- VII. adjournment